

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

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30. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein the closable opening is a door, a trunk, or a hood.

31. (currently amended) The covering device of claim 59, wherein said strip is clamped between a chassis defining the closable opening of the vehicle and a chassis part ~~to close~~closing the opening.

32. (currently amended) The covering device of ~~claim 59~~claim 31, wherein said chassis part is a door or a flap.

33. (cancelled)

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37. (cancelled)

38. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein said strip has at least one intended separation location.

39. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, further comprising mounting means for detachable connection between tarpaulin sections.

40. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 39, wherein said mounting means have at least one opening which receives at least part of a tab.
41. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 40, wherein said at least one opening is a slotted opening.
42. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 40, wherein said tab comprises an insertion aid.
43. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein said tarpaulin has openings to receive external mirrors of the vehicle.
44. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein sections of said tarpaulin can be fixed on the vehicle using windshield wipers.
45. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein said tarpaulin comprises a roof portion which is suited to cover a roof of the vehicle.
46. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 45, wherein said roof portion has an opening for receiving a component which projects from the vehicle roof or for receiving an antenna.
47. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein no roof portion is provided.
48. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein said tarpaulin comprises sections which are suited to cover a front window, side windows, and a rear window of the vehicle.

49. (cancelled)

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54. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein the device comprises at least two different colors.

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57. (cancelled)

58. (previously presented) The covering device of claim 59, wherein a beginning or an end of the covering device does not terminate at right angles.

59. (currently amended) A covering device for a vehicle and for a motor vehicle, the device consisting essentially of:

a tarpaulin, said tarpaulin structured and dimensioned for placement onto or against windows of the vehicle, said tarpaulin having at least one slit extending substantially parallel to an edge of said tarpaulin, said slit defining an

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elongated strip disposed between said edge and said slit, said elongated strip structured and dimensioned for separation in a direction substantially perpendicular to said slit and said edge to subdivide said strips into two separate strip sections, said two separated strip sections being structured and dimensioned for clamping in a closable opening of the vehicle to secure said tarpaulin on the vehicle, wherein the covering device does not comprise any additional means for securing the device to the vehicle.